

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Figures 2A and 2B with the attached replacement Figures 2A and 2B. A marked copy of the replacement drawing sheet, with changes shown in red ink, is attached for the Examiner's approval.

REMARKS:

Claims 20, 23, 24, 29, 30, 49, 52, 53, 58, 59, 87, 90, 91, 96, 97, 125, 128, 129, 134, and 135 have been amended and claims 21, 22, 42, 50, 51, 88, 89, 126, and 127 canceled herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 20, 23, 24, 28-31, 49, 52-60, 87, 90, 91, 95-98, 125, and 128-136 will be pending in the above-identified application.

Applicants acknowledge the allowability of claims 21-24, 28-30, 50-59, 88-91, 95-97, and 126-135. Claim 20 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 21 and 22, which were identified as being allowable. Accordingly, claim 20 and the claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance. Claim 49 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 50 and 51, which were identified as being allowable. Accordingly, claim 49 and the claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance. Claim 87 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 88 and 89, which were identified as being allowable. Accordingly, claim 87 and the claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance. Claim 125 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 126 and 127, which were identified as being allowable. Accordingly, claim 125 and the claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Drawings

Applicants request withdrawal of the objection to the drawings. Figures 2A and 2B have been amended to include the indication of "PRIOR ART" per the Examiner's recommendation. Along with a corresponding replacement drawing sheet, a marked copy of Figures 2A and 2B showing the "PRIOR ART" additions in red is included for the Examiner's approval.

CONCLUSION

As the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, a favorable action and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Although the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is factually correct, Applicants believe the Examiner's statement does not set forth all of the distinctions between the claims and the prior art.

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FIG. 2A

PRIOR ART

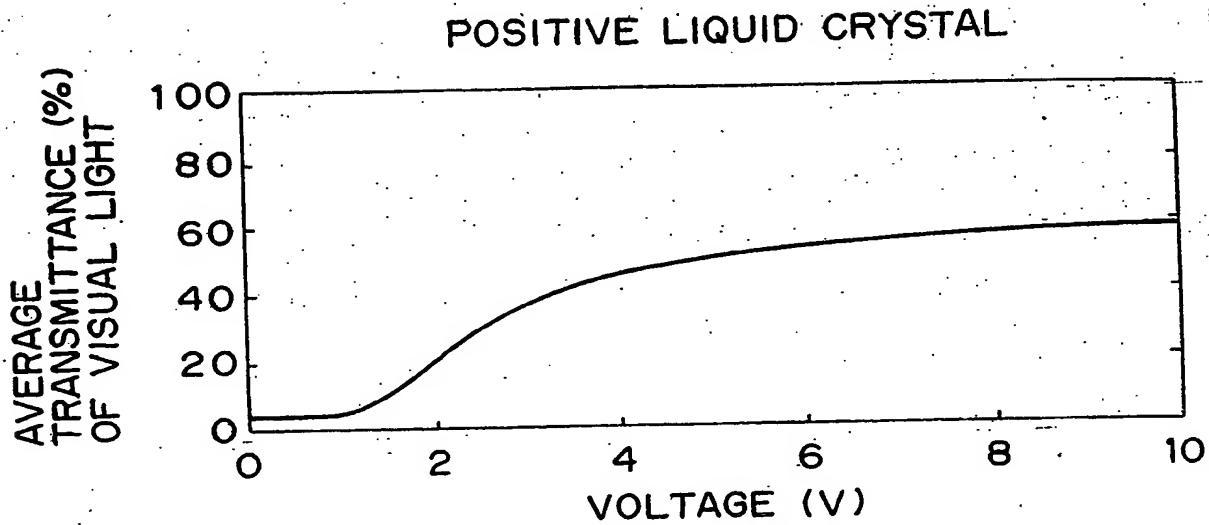


FIG. 2B

PRIOR ART

